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Fake Foreign Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of foreign universities have lured Indian students and later on these universities have been found to be fake;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of students who have been duped and the manner in which these students have been assisted by the Government;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to verify the credentials of such foreign universities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government during the last three years to protect Indian students from seeking admission in fake foreign universities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) and (b): Government of India does not maintain any specific list of Fake Universities operating in foreign countries. However, Ministry of External Affairs has informed that sporadic incidents of such nature have been reported by some Indian students studying in foreign countries and concerned Indian embassies have provided assistance to those students in such cases.

(c) and (d): Government of India does not have any specific mechanism to verify the credentials of foreign universities. However, Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions in various foreign countries issue appropriate advisories from time to time to Indian students asking them to carry all documentation and undertake due diligence to ensure that the foreign institutions to which they are seeking admission have proper authorization and capacities. Ministry of External Affairs has also launched the MADAD online portal through which Indian students studying abroad can register and submit their grievances which would be addressed accordingly. Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the nodal agency for granting academic equivalence to the degrees awarded by accredited foreign universities, has also issued an advisory for the students seeking admission in foreign universities, which is available on their website www.aiu.ac.in.

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